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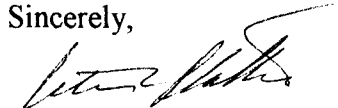
Roger Sampson
Commissioner
Department of Education and Early Development
801 West Tenth Street, Suite 200
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1194

Dear Commissioner Sampson:

Regarding the DOE/Local Boundary Commission request for comment on school consolidation the following is submitted.

Tanana became a First Class City because the residents wished to have local control of their school. Forced consolidation would take away the local control that is so important to the residents. At the same time it is debatable whether consolidation would either save money or improve the quality of education in Tanana. Until such time as it is demonstrated these two goals are feasible, Tanana would oppose forced consolidation.

Sincerely,



Peter L. Platten
City Manager

Cc: Darroll Hargraves
Chair
Local Boundary Commission

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